Statement

Details of Model Villages developed in the country, State-wise

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	State	No. of villages	Central allocation
1.	Andhra Pradesh	15	102.416
2.	Assam	3	36.058
3.	Bihar	11	66.323
4.	Himachal Pradesh	1	0.760
5.	Karnataka	8	35.131
6.	Kerala	22	656.084
7.	Madhya Pradesh	3	11.509
8.	Maharashtra	10	135.029
9.	Orissa	3	21.075
10.	Rajasthan	8	111.922
11.	Tamil Nadu	7	205.400
12.	Uttar Pradesh	13	145.327
	TOTAL :	104	1527.034

Shortage of drinking water in Gujarat

2272. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in view of the acute shortage of drinking water in Kutch and other districts of Gujarat the Members of Parliament have submitted a memorandum to the Government; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Drinking Water Supply is a state subject. The State Governments implement the programme under the State Sector Minimum Needs Programme

(MNP). The Central Government only supplements the efforts of the States by providing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement their individual water supply schemes.

An amount of Rs. 7442.20 lakh has been released to Gujarat during 1999-2000 under ARWSP. In addition, an amount of Rs. 400 lakh has also been released to the State Government for implementation of ARWSP schemes in areas covered under the Desert Development Programme (DDP).

The Government of Gujarat has informed that they are facing scarcity of drinking water in 8666 villages of 138 talukas of 17 Districts. State Government has taken steps to supply drinking water to the affected areas. 1247 villages/ hamlets have been supplied with drinking water, wherein 205 villages/ habitations are of Kutch district.

The Government of Gujarat has formulated a drinking water scarcity master plan 1999-2000 covering 6312 villages, 69 towns and 3 Municipal Corporations amounting to Rs. 31088.38 lakh to overcome probable shortage of drinking water in the State.

Starvation in Kalahandi

2273. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the people are still starving in Kalahandi as reported in 'Telegraph' on 21st February, 2000; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected.

Irregularities in distribution of houses under IAY

2274. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether irregularities have been found in the distribution of houses under Indira Awaas Yojana in Gram Panchayats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether cases of depriving eligible persons from getting houses affluent people getting the houses in connivance with officers/employees have been detected; and